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*Press Act in the Presidency.*

465 Q.—Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU : To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member to state in respect of what printing presses and newspapers security has been demanded or taken under the Press Act from the beginning of 1919.

A.—A statement is placed on the table.\*

*Unenfranchised service inams in the Presidency.*

466 Q.—Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU : To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Revenue to state separately, with reference to each district of the Presidency, the number of unenfranchised service inams resumed by the Government during the last ten years under each of the following heads:—

- (a) Religious and charitable inams;
- (b) Village artisan inams; and
- (c) Dasabandham inams.

A.—The Government are not in possession of the required information.

*American Baptist Mission High School, Ongole.*

467 Q.—Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU : To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Education whether—

(a) the attention of the Government has been drawn to the difficulties which the Indian Christian students of the American Baptist Mission High School, Ongole, have been put to a few days ago, owing to the action of the Principal; and

(b) the Government have inquired into the matter and, if so, with what result.

A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) The Government do not propose to inquire as the matter is one entirely of internal discipline.

*Irrigation projects in Vizagapatam.*

468 Q.—Mr. C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU : To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Revenue—

(a) to state if any investigation of possible irrigation projects was ever made in the district of Vizagapatam;

(b) to place the connected reports on the table; and

(c) to state if the Government have in view the construction of any irrigation project this year with a view to improve the irrigation facilities.

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government do not consider that any useful purpose will be served by placing the reports on the table.

(c) No project is yet ripe for execution during this year.

*Government subvention to local bodies towards elementary education.*

469 Q.—Mr. C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU : To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Education—

(a) what amount is granted to local bodies for increasing the salaries of teachers in elementary schools according to paragraph 9 of G.O. No. 499, Financial, dated 1st June 1920;

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(b) if this amount is Rs. 9 lakhs only, how the balance of the allotment of 23 lakhs is utilized among aided schools maintained by mission bodies and other aided schools respectively; and

(c) what the amount of aid given to mission bodies for the maintenance of elementary schools is in the years 1919-20, 1920-21 respectively and if there is any increase what the reasons are for the increased grant.

A.—(a) Rupees 8,79,054.

(b) The sum of 23 lakhs was an estimate of requirements in the event of the grant being extended to aided schools. It was not possible however to allot any sum for aided education.

(c) The information is not at present available.

*Medical College for Vizagapatam.*

470 Q.—Mr. C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU : To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Local Self-Government whether the Government issued any order for the opening of a Medical College at Vizagapatam and, if so, when the college will be opened.

A.—The Government have approved the Surgeon-General's proposal that the Vizagapatam Medical School should be converted into a college. Details are being worked out by the Surgeon-General. It is not possible to say when the college will be opened.

*Strikes causing public inconvenience.*

471 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU : To ask the Hon'ble the Law Member whether the proposals of the Local Government to prevent strikes causing public inconvenience referred to in question 78 asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 16th day of February last will be placed before the Council for an expression of opinion before they are forwarded to the Government of India.

A.—The answer is in the negative.

*Revision of salaries.*

472 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Finance—

(a) to state the dates from which revision of salaries has been given effect to in the case of—

(i) Imperial services,

(ii) Provincial services (Judicial),

(iii) Provincial services (Executive); and

(b) to state the date from which Mr. A. R. Knapp has recommended that the revision of salaries of the non-gazetted services should be given effect to.

A.—(a) A statement is laid on the table.\*

(b) Mr. Knapp did not make any suggestion as to the date from which the revision of salaries of the non-gazetted services should be given effect to.

*Scholarships for medical students in Ceded districts.*

473 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Local Self-Government to state—

(a) (i) the number of scholarships of Rs. 25 each sanctioned for the students of the Ceded districts joining the Medical school;

(ii) the year from which they were sanctioned;

(iii) the names of the students with their addresses who were given the scholarships from year to year; and